THE GREATEST SUPERHERO OF ALL!
CAPTAIN BRITAIN
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CAN CAPTAIN BRITAIN SURVIVE--
PANIC IN PICCADILLY?!

I WAS GOING HOME TO STUDY MY BLUEPRINTS OF THE HAWK--
--TO FIND A WAY TO DEFEAT IT!
BUT NO CHANCE OF THAT NOW!
MUST GET OFF THE GROUND-- FAST!
UP HERE THERE'S LESS RISK OF INJURY TO CIVILIANS!
THE HAWK'S TURNING FOR ANOTHER PASS!
I'D BETTER PRESS THE BUTTON ON MY STAFF--
--THAT CREATES A FORCE-FIELD--
--TO PROTECT ME FROM HIS FLAMIN' FIRE-POWER!
BUT OUR SUPERHERO'S SAFETY IS SHORT-LIVED!
UH, OH...
HE'S RAMMED ME!
THE IMPACT IS THROWING ME OFF BALANCE!
MY FORCE-FIELD CAN STOP BULLETS--
--BUT WILL IT CUSHION ME FROM THIS FALL?

HE'S RIGHT! I CAN'T LET THAT BOY BE KILLED! I MUST SAVE HIM!

EASY, LAD...
YOU HAD A CLOSE CALL, BUT YOU'RE SAFE NOW!

H-MY SON-- HE'S ALIVE!
HOW CAN I EVER THANK YOU?
YOU JUST DID!

BUT GRATITUDE IS HARDLY THE SENTIMENT WITHIN A SPEEDING POLICE VEHICLE!
STEP ON IT, MAN! AT THIS PACE, WE'LL NEVER GET THERE IN TIME TO CAPTURE THAT MASKED MENACE!

LORD HAWK IS STILL ON THE LOOSE!
I SUGGEST YOU AND YOUR SON GET OUT OF HERE, BEFORE THAT PSYCHO STRIKES AGAIN!

BUT SUDDENLY, THE FICKLE PLAYWRIGHT, FATE, INTERJECTS YET ANOTHER CHARACTER ONTO THE BLOODSTAINED STAGE!
CAPTAIN BRITAIN!
COURTNEY!
-THE BUS!! LOOK OUT!!

BUT THE SHOUTED WARNING IS LOST IN A WORLD OF TUMULT AND CHAOS--
NOOOO!!
COURTNEY! SAY SOMETHING! COURTNEY!
SHE'S NOT MOVING! IT HAPPENED BECAUSE SHE REMINDED ME--BECAUSE I SAVED HER IN THE PAST!
FIRST MY PARENTS--AND NOW COURTNEY! AM I DESTINED TO DESTROY EVERYONE I CARE FOR?
BUT GRIEF AND GUILT PROVE PREMATURE...
SHE'S BADLY HURT--BUT STILL ALIVE!
AND AS THE AMBULANCE SCREAMS AWAY...
YOU! YOU CALL YOURSELF CAPTAIN BRITAIN!
YOU CLAIM TO BE A SUPER-HERO!
HE'S RIGHT! I'VE JUST BEEN STANDING HERE FEELING SORRY FOR MYSELF WHILE A WAR'S GOING ON!
WELL, WHY THE DEVIL DON'T YOU HELP US?
BUT EVEN THAT BLASTED BIRD IS MY OWN CREATION!
HOW MUCH GUILT MUST I BEAR?
ENOUGH! I'LL FIND SOME WAY TO END THIS MENACE! THE HAWK WILL HUNT NO MORE!
I SWEAR IT!
HOW DELICIOUS--TO SEE MY QUARRY WRITHING IN TORMENT!
NOW I SHALL RETIRE--TO PLAN MY NEXT MOVE!

AND MOMENTS LATER, AS A DESPERATE CAPTAIN BRITAIN SEARCHES FOR HIS FOE...
THE BIRD--IT'S DISAPPEARING BEHIND THE SKYLINE!
LORD HAWK'S CALLED IT A DAY! IF HE GOES BACK INTO HIDING, I MAY NEVER FIND HIM!
RRRRRRRRR
THERE'S MY FAIR-HAIRED BOY, NOW! GET 'IM! I'LL HAVE THE BADGE OF ANY CLOD WHO LETS HIM ESCAPE!
JUST WHAT I NEEDED--CHIEF INSPECTOR THOMAS! IT'S LIKE HAVING AN INSTRUMENT REPAIRMAN AT A CONCERT BY THE WHO!
LOOKS LIKE LORD HAWK WILL HAVE TO WAIT FOR OUR RECKONING!
RIGHT NOW I HAVE TO PUT DISTANCE BETWEEN ME AND THE LAW!
NOW, IF THAT HARD-NOSED INSPECTOR WERE KOJAK, I COULD GIVE HIM A LOLLIOP AND TRY TO REASON WITH HIM!
BUT THIS ISN'T A T.V. SHOW. IT'S THE REAL STUFF!
AND RIGHT NOW I'VE ONLY ONE CHANCE TO AVOID CAPTURE!
BEYOND PRYING EYES, OUR HERO SWITCHES BACK TO HIS CIVILIAN SELF!
GOT AWAY??! BUT YOU CHASED HIM INTO A DEAD-END STREET!
RIGHT! BUT SOMEHOW HE DISAPPEARED--VANISHED INTO THIN AIR!
SO WILL YOUR PENSION, UNLESS YOU FIND HIM! Y' HEAR??!
MADE IT. I'M IN THE CLEAR!
MEANWHILE, A FEW BLOCKS AWAY...
THE HOMING DEVICE INDICATOR IS GROWING FAINTER!
BUT HE'LL NOT ESCAPE!
I'LL HUNT HIM DOWN--AND KILL HIM!
CAPTAIN BRITAIN MUST BE MOVING ON!
NEXT WEEK: "IN THE SHADOW OF THE HAWK!"

WHEN PHYSICS STUDENT **BRIAN BRADDOCK** RUBS HIS MYSTIC AMULET, HE TRANSFORMS !!!TO BRITAIN'S SUPER-HEROIC CHAMPION OF JUSTICE...

Stan Lee PRESENTS: # CAPTAIN BRITAIN!™

*PICCADILLY CIRCUS, THE TEEMING HUB OF LONDON'S WEST END! THOUSANDS OF SHOPPERS AND TOURISTS FLEE IN **HORROR** AS THE WINGED FORTRESS CONTROLLED BY **LORD HAWK** RAINS DEATH AND DESTRUCTION UPON THE STREETS BELOW! AND EVEN **CAPTAIN BRITAIN** CANNOT PREVENT...*

"PANIC IN PICCADILLY!"

ATTACK, MY PRETTY! STRIKE DOWN THIS UNHOLY MASS OF MODERNIZATION!
WE MUST PURIFY THE LAND AND RETURN TO THE SIMPLICITY OF OUR GLORIOUS PAST!
LET NONE RESIST YOU! SLAY CAPTAIN BRITAIN!
I CREATED THAT FLYING NIGHTMARE! NOW I MUST STOP IT! BUT HOW? HOW??
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